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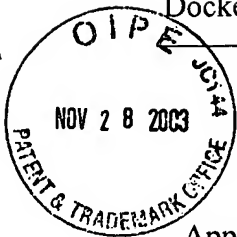
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Dear Sir:

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- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing eighty-eight (88) references.
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 88 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/945,115, filed August 31, 2001, which is the parent of this continuation application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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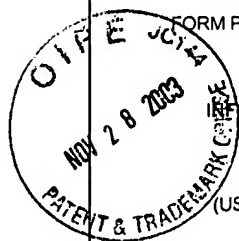
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